

Senate Resolution 898

By: Senators Thomas of the 2nd and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Allan Bosson on the occasion of his 20th anniversary at Southside
2 Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Allan Bosson was well on his way to following in his father's
4 footsteps, but something changed and this year he will mark his 20th year as senior pastor
5 of Southside Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, during this time of celebration, he cannot help but to reflect on the anniversary
7 of becoming a Christian more than 30 years ago while he was halfway around the world in
8 New Zealand where he grew up; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Bosson met a journalist who introduced him to a critical view of
10 Christianity that he had never heard before; and

11 WHEREAS, his journalist friend encouraged him to attend a lecture by a Christian apologist
12 and Pastor Bosson says the experience forever changed him; and

13 WHEREAS, his beliefs evolved over the years and he traveled from New Zealand, where he
14 was born, to the United States where he met and married his wife, Cynthia; and

15 WHEREAS, they later moved to Texas, where Reverend Bosson completed his master's and
16 doctorate degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

17 WHEREAS, after pastoring at a Valdosta, Georgia church for a short while, he moved to
18 Southside Baptist Church to become the pastor in 1988; and

19 WHEREAS, during his tenure the parishioners have become younger and he is credited with
20 adding new buildings with nursery and preschool facilities and employing ministers for new
21 youth and young adult ministries; and

1 WHEREAS, he and his wife have three sons, Christopher, Timothy, and Andrew.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
3 join to commend Reverend Allan Bosson for his unparalleled record of community service
4 and his innumerable good works and congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his 20th
5 year as pastor of Southside Baptist Church in service to the Lord, and extend to him the most
6 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Allan Bosson.